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QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BEIRUT 7625

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SUBJECT: ELIAS SARKIS BECOMES PRESIDENT OF LEBANON

REF: STATE 234774

ACCORDING TO LOCAL RADIO, ELIAS SARKIS MET WITH FRANGIE AT
ZOUK AT 1000 LOCAL TIME AND ASSUMED OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF
LEBANON ("PASSATION DES POUVOIRS"). SAME SOURCE STATES
SARKIS AND FRANGIE THEN PROCEEDED TO CHTAURA WHERE SARKIS
TOOK OATH OF OFFICE AT 1315, SEP 23, BEFORE APPROXIMATELY
65 MEMBERS OF LEBANESE PARLIAMENT. ALTHOUGH A NUMBER OF
DEPUTIES DID NOT ATTEND THE SWEARING-IN, THEIR PRIMARY
OBJECTION, AS EXPRESSED IN NEWSPAPERS SEP 23, IS NOT TO
SARKIS, BUT TO FACT THAT CEREMONY TOOK PLACE AT CHTAURA,
WHICH THEY CONSIDER TO BE UNDER SYRIAN OCCUPATION.
THERE ARE REPORTS FROM CHRISTIAN-RIGHTIST RADIO
THAT SOME DEPUTIES FROM WEST BEIRUT SEEKING TO ATTEND
THE CEREMONY IN CHTAURA WERE HELD UP BY ROADBLOCKS
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BETWEEN ALEY AND BHAMDAIN, IN PALESTINIAN/LEFTIST

CONTROLLED TERRITORY.

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